

AL 5. (Amended-Clean Text) The medicament according to claim 1 wherein the mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19 is a fraction obtained by condensing lactic acids by dehydration under an inactive atmosphere, subjecting the ethanol- or methanol-soluble fraction of the obtained reaction solution to reverse phase column chromatography, and eluting with 25 to 50 weight % acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3 and then with 90 weight % or more acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3.

A3 7. (Amended-Clean Text) The medicament according to claim 5 wherein the reverse phase column chromatography is performed by ODS column chromatography.

Please add new claims 8 to 21 as follows:

AY ---8. The medicament according to claim 2, wherein the lactic acid which is a repeating unit in the poly lactic acid substantially consists of L-lactic acid.

AY 9. The medicament according to claim 2 wherein the mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19 is a fraction obtained by condensing lactic acids by dehydration under an inactive atmosphere, subjecting the ethanol- or methanol-soluble fraction of the obtained reaction solution to reverse phase column

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chromatography, and eluting with 25 to 50 weight % acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3 and then with 90 weight % or more acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3.

10. The medicament according to claim 3 wherein the mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19 is a fraction obtained by condensing lactic acids by dehydration under an inactive atmosphere, subjecting the ethanol- or methanol-soluble fraction of the obtained reaction solution to reverse phase column chromatography, and eluting with 25 to 50 weight % acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3 and then with 90 weight % or more acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3.

11. The medicament according to claim 8 wherein the mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19 is a fraction obtained by condensing lactic acids by dehydration under an inactive atmosphere, subjecting the ethanol- or methanol-soluble fraction of the obtained reaction solution to reverse phase column chromatography, and eluting with 25 to 50 weight % acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3 and then with 90 weight % or more acetonitrile aqueous solution of pH 2 to 3.

12. The medicament according to claim 9 wherein the condensation by dehydration is performed by stepwise decompression and temperature rise under nitrogen gas atmosphere.

13. The medicament according to claim 10 wherein the condensation by dehydration is performed by stepwise decompression and temperature rise under nitrogen gas atmosphere.

14. The medicament according to claim 11 wherein the condensation by dehydration is performed by stepwise decompression and temperature rise under nitrogen gas atmosphere.

15. The medicament according to claim 6 wherein the reverse phase column chromatography is performed by ODS column chromatography.

16. The medicament according to claim 9 wherein the reverse phase column chromatography is performed by ODS column chromatography.

17. The medicament according to claim 10 wherein the reverse phase column chromatography is performed by ODS column chromatography.

18. The medicament according to claim 11 wherein the reverse phase column chromatography is performed by ODS column chromatography.